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Amanda Todd stone plaque stolen

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Theft of memorial from home garden stuns teen's mom

Carol Todd THE CANADIAN PRESS

A B.C. mother who has said her teenage daughter took her own life after enduring online sexual exploitation is shocked that someone appears to have stolen a memorial plaque from her garden.

Carol Todd said a stone reading "A beautiful soul is never forgotten" was placed in front of her Port Coquitlam home after the death of 15-year-old Amanda in 2012.

Todd said she and a friend who was visiting noticed the plaque was missing.

"It got me a little sad and a little upset, so then I posted it on Facebook ... that I was shocked how someone could remove it from my garden and from there it went viral."

She said the stone, while inexpensive, was like a piece of her daughter and she's sad that it's no longer there for her to look at.

Todd said she believes that the person who took the plaque may have been aware of its sentimental value because her address is still listed in the phone directory and there has been some anger directed toward her in the past.

"So I wasn't quite prepared for some of the negative (response), that it would actually come across in real life," she said. "I've gotten some backlash and horrible stuff through social media, but in real life it was kind of surprising."

The high-profile case of Amanda's alleged exploitation garnered international attention when a YouTube video surfaced after her death. It showed the teen holding up handwritten signs detailing how she'd been blackmailed by an online predator after exposing her breasts on a web cam.

The video has been viewed millions of times.

Aydin Coban was arrested in the Netherlands last year and is facing charges in Canada of extortion, criminal harassment, Internet luring and two counts related to child pornography.

Coban denied earlier this year that he was "the so-called tormentor" of Todd. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Caws for concern: Woman attacked by crows 8 times

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Birds may have 'marked' her, says ornithologist

Thandi Fletcher
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A Vancouver woman can't keep count of the number of crows that have dive-bomb attacked her in the past two years.

Sophia Lindgren says she is almost frightened to walk outside after the black birds have aggressively attacked her at least eight times in different parts of the city.

"They dive-bomb at me," she told Metro. "It goes back and forth and goes 'Caw! Caw!' and it kind of swoops right over my head, and sometimes it scratches me."

The first attack happened in May last year when Lindgren was walking out of her home in Mount Pleasant. Then it happened again in Kitsilano, Strathcona and Richmond. After nesting season ended, Lindgren forgot about the attacks, but last week, she said it started again.

In one attack, she said a crow scratch left her bleeding. Although she wasn't seriously injured, the repeated incidents are becoming "freaky," she said.

"I don't think it's a personal vendetta," she said. "I don't think I've done anything to piss off a crow, but I don't know."

Derek Matthews, chairman of the Vancouver Avian Research Centre, said it is possible that at some point Lindgren did do something that has crows holding a grudge against her.

"If she flapped at them or shooed them away, it's possible she's been marked," he said.

Matthews pointed to several studies by University of Washington biologist John Marzluff who found crows recognize and remember individual human faces.

Some experts theorize that when large numbers of crows congregate in so-called "roosts," the birds vocally share information with each other. Often that knowledge is about food sources, but the birds could also warn others about predators and other threats.

George Clulow, president of B.C. Field Ornithologists, said crows also mark someone as a threat if they observe another crow attacking someone who gets too close to a nest.

"It's their form of communicating concerns with an individual through their behaviour," he said. "They retain that memory for a while."

During nesting season, Matthews said crows go to great lengths to protect their nests because the birds have invested a lot of time into their young. They spend up to three days incubating their eggs after building their nests, and another four weeks or more feeding their young until they fledge.

When a human or animal gets too close to the nest, Matthews said crows will do everything they can to protect their young.

While dive-bomb attacks might seem like a scene out Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds, Matthews said crows are "super intelligent creatures" and don't deserve their bad rap.

"No other birds have such human-like personalities and social systems as crows," he sad. "People think they're harbingers of evil, but they're not. Really, they're just like us. They're just trying to feed their families."

Matthews recommends people walk quickly away from the area if a crow is dive-bombing them. If they get scratched, he said there's no need to fret, as the birds can't transmit diseases.

For Lindgren, Matthews said "the best thing that she can do if she doesn't want to move out of the city is to have a few unsalted peanuts in a shell and toss it to them."

"As soon as they do that, the paradigm definitely shifts," he said. "I've done it and it absolutely works. You can have your own pet crows in the street."

> **I don't think it's a personal vendetta. I don't think I've done anything ... but I don't know.**
> Sophia Lindgren

A pedestrian walks past a sign warning about crow attacks on the 800 block of Robson Street on Thursday afternoon. Crows will dive-bomb people or animals to protect their young if they get to close to their nest. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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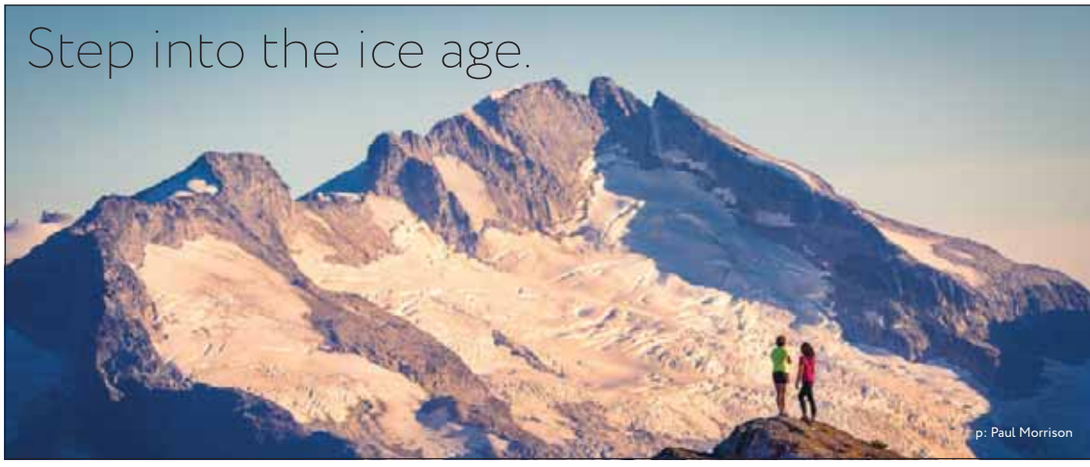

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Battle brewing over beer prices

ALCOHOL

Craft brewers, NDP express concerns over price hikes

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The B.C. Liberals are being accused of spiking the cost of local beer, just two months after implementing widespread liquor reforms it said would benefit consumers.

NDP leader John Horgan told media on Thursday that 90 per cent of beer listings have increased in price since the government introduced a new wholesale pricing model for public and private liquor stores on March 31.

Some beer, such as a bottle of Penticton's Cannery Blackberry Porter, now costs 20 per cent more than it did before.

The NDP says local craft brewers have been the hardest hit by the new rules, while big multi-national brewers like Budweiser and Coors have escaped largely unscathed (some of their products are actually cheaper now).

Opposition leader John Horgan called the reforms a "tax grab" and a "broken promise."

"It's going to have a negative impact on consumers and they should fess up to that," he said.

"It's been a hoax from the start and now consumers are going to be paying more for that. So this summer, when we look at perhaps the hottest summer on record, don't turn on your air conditioner because that's going to cost you more (in BC Hydro rates), and you're going to have to pay more for your cold beer as well."

Ari Dressler, president of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) advocacy group, said the industry received no warning about the potential of prices going up when the government met with stakeholders about the liquor reforms.

"The whole idea was to make it more fair, but at no point were price increases mentioned," Dressler said of CAMRA's discussions with government.

CAMRA president Ari Dressler sits at the Steamworks Brew Pub in Vancouver on Thursday.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

"When they were, it was only to reassure us that they would not go up."

Dressler warned the increased prices could result in fewer liquor store sales for local craft breweries, which will have a knock-on effect on breweries' bottom lines, availability at the taps and production costs.

"No matter what, this all gets trickled down to the consumer, who is losing on all fronts," she said.

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> Ari Dressler

Suzanne Anton, the minister responsible for liquor policy, downplayed the price increased in an emailed statement to Metro.

"Let's put things in perspective: every month, some prices go up and some prices go down — just as any other retail cost of goods — but we're talking about cents here," reads a statement attributed to Anton, professing the government's support of B.C.'s craft beer industry.

"At the end of the day, it's up to consumers to decide how much they want to pay for a product and where they want to shop."

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FIRST SHAUGHNESSY

City proposing demolition ban for lavish pre-1940 homes

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver is considering a demolition ban on older houses in the tony First Shaughnessy enclave, where the average sale price of a home tops $6 million. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

If an owner wants to tear down a multimillion-dollar old house in one of Vancouver's most prestigious neighbourhoods, they could soon be out of luck.

The City of Vancouver is proposing a demolition ban for all houses built before 1940 in First Shaughnessy, a residential enclave built by Canadian Pacific Railway in 1907 to lure the rich and fabulous away from the crowded West End. The average sale price of a home in the neighbourhood is $6,324,000, according to data from 2010 to 2015.

A city report recommends the neighbourhood bordered by 16th Avenue, King Edward, Oak Street and East Boulevard be designated a heritage conservation zone to preserve the estates and mature landscaping that define the area.

"The designating of a heritage conservation district allows us for the first time to be able to say no to demolition," the city's head planner Brian Jackson said Thursday.

> **It's a very powerful tool.**
> Brian Jackson, head planner for Vancouver, on conservation zoning

"It's a very powerful tool and it's being used in Vancouver for the first time."

The proposed bylaw — it must first pass a public hearing — is in response to concerns about the loss of heritage as old houses are bought, left empty to decay, torn down and replaced with behemoth mansions.

It would apply to 317 pre-1940 houses, slightly more than half of the 595 properties in the neighbourhood. An economic analysis shows the rule could dampen prices of pre-1940s homes.

In exchange for saving the homes, the city will relax rules to make it more financially advantageous to owners, who could be allowed to build laneway houses or subdivide and stratify their properties, Jackson said.

"There will be increases in density in Shaughnessy," he said.

Owners who have already applied for demolition might be out of luck. There will be a system to deal with their applications depending on where they are in the process, but "we're very serious about wanting to save the character of First Shaughnessy," Jackson said.

The proposed rules will be presented to council next week, when councillors will decide whether to send the report to a public hearing.

FATALITY

Man, 58, dies following mysterious head injury

A 58-year-old Vancouver man who couldn't remember how he suffered a serious head injury has died.

The man went for a walk to Kitsilano Beach to watch the sunset around 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Two hours later, he returned to his nearby home in a confused state with what appeared to be a minor head injury, police said.

He told his partner he was involved in a confrontation on the beach but couldn't provide any details.

The man went to sleep that night but was found unresponsive the next morning. He died following two surgeries for a brain bleed.

He is described as five feet 10 inches with a heavy build and short salt-and-pepper hair.

On Saturday night he was wearing a New York Yankees baseball hat, an orange T-shirt, cargo shorts and was carrying a black backpack.

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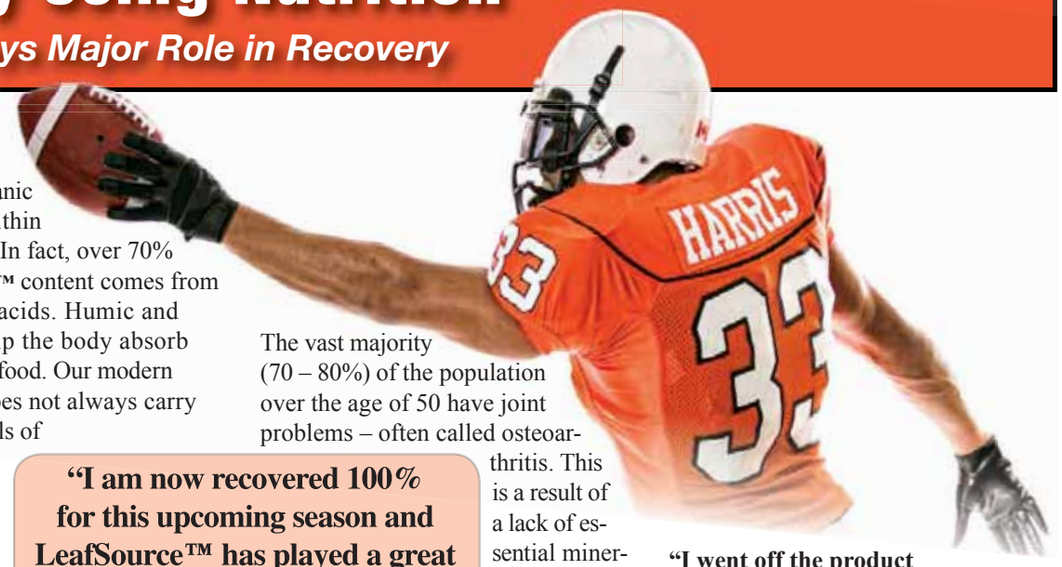

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Kicking off FIFA fan zone

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Venue will be open for all Vancouver match games

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver will open its FIFA Fan Zone while the nation hosts the Women's World Cup on Saturday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Thousands of Canada fans draped in red and white (others are welcome, too) will have a place to call home throughout the Women's World Cup as the City of Vancouver gets ready to open its FIFA Fan Zone on Saturday.

The family-friendly celebration site at Larwill Park, a.k.a. the big parking lot east of Queen Elizabeth Theatre, will sport two giant screens, live entertainment, sponsor installations and a bevy of food and drink (yes, the site is licensed) options for up to 5,000 fans for 12 days of the international soccer tournament.

Michelle Collens, sport hosting manager at the city, said the $1.2-million entertainment venue will be open to fans — whether they have game tickets or not — during all Vancouver match days, Team Canada games and the knockout round of the World Cup.

"It's a big deal," she said. "From our experience with the Olympics, we know that the people like to come out and enjoy these events in public. So we wanted to recreate that experience."

The first test of the venue will be Saturday, when Vancouverites are welcome to watch Canada open the tournament against China in Edmonton on the fan zone's two big screens.

The fan zone will be open Saturday from noon to 7 p.m., with musical guest Pacifika.

Vancouver will host its first games at BC Place Monday, and the fan zone will be open accordingly from 3 to 9 p.m.

The full fan zone schedule is available on the city's website.

The month-long Women's World Cup runs June 6 to July 5 (the final will be played in Vancouver), and the city expects the event to generate $36.7 million for the local economy.

IN BRIEF

Kinder Morgan says $100M investment will protect against oil spills

Kinder Morgan is pledging to safeguard against any possibility of oil spills caused by its Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

Senior director of marine development Michael Davies says Western Canada Marine Response Corp., the agency responsible for spill cleanup, will invest $100-million in new equipment. Davies says the agency — which is 50 per cent owned by Kinder Morgan — will acquire five new bases along the pipeline route and add 100 new jobs if the National Energy Board approves the expansion.

Kinder Morgan hopes to triple the bitumen-carrying capacity of its existing Trans Mountain line by laying almost 1,000 kilometres of new pipe between Edmonton and Burnaby.

The City of Vancouver and a North Vancouver First Nation submitted critical expert evidence to the energy board last week that concluded the project would significantly raise the risk of spills. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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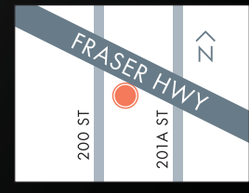

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Eveline Xia, founder of the #donthave1million campaign, speaks at a rally in Vancouver on May 24. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

#donthave1million goes to Parliament

SOCIAL MEDIA

MP references affordable housing campaign

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

When Eveline Xia tweeted #donthave1million to express frustration over Vancouver's lack of affordability for young people, she never imagined it would turn into a social media campaign that would capture the attention of federal politicians.

But it did just that on Thursday when Vancouver Kingsway MP Don Davies raised the issue in Parliament. He called on the federal government to listen to Xia's inspiring campaign and create a national housing strategy.

"A community-led campaign known as #donthave1million has vividly raised the profile of Vancouver's affordable housing crisis," Davies said in Ottawa.

"Average family size townhouses cost $1 million, rental units are not being built fast enough, half of renters in B.C. pay more than they can afford to house themselves and young Vancouverites are leaving the city for good."

Davies then quoted Xia's speech from May's #donthave1million rally, attended by a few hundred Vancouverites.

"At a pace that defies reason or the local economy, the dream of affordable homeownership and rental housing is slipping away from too many of us. For young workers like me or even families with two good incomes, we work hard, but our dreams of a modest home will never materialize in this city," Xia said at the time.

Back in Vancouver, Xia is "flabbergasted" that her campaign got was up by a federal politician just as she thought it was starting to die down.

"It's the power of social media. Never in my life would have I expected that this was possible," she said.

Xia is encouraged to see politicians at all levels taking notice of the issue. Provincially she's heard from NDP MLAs and at Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson responded at a municipal level. Robertson suggested a luxury property transfer tax, a speculation tax and the power for municipalities to track property ownership.

"It's really exciting and I just hope that more and more will speak up and especially the premier, the province, will not only listen but really take it to heart and act," Xia said. She noted that polls show three quarters of British Columbians want action on the issue.

"This is their chance to show true leadership on an issue everybody supports."

IN BRIEF

Man charged in alleged transit sexual assaul

A 45-year-old man from New Westminster, B.C., has been charged with multiple counts of sexual assault after two women reported being inappropriately touched while riding public transit.

Police say they arrested Jason Taylor on May 19 after a woman's report to transit police matched the description of a suspect in a sexual assault earlier that month.

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CRIME

Police seek witness to fatal attack

Homicide police are searching for a man who they believe may have witnessed a fatal attack on an elderly woman in New Westminster on Wednesday evening.

A 23-year-old man is in custody facing criminal charges following the attack, which police believe was random and unprovoked, according to the RCMP's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

Police were called to the 1500-block of 8th Avenue around 7 p.m. after residents reported seeing a man attacking an elderly woman. She died of her injuries at the scene.

Police said the suspect attempted to flee but was arrested nearby.

During his attempt to escape, he was struck by an SUV or a van, which may have some damage.

Investigators are now asking the man behind the wheel of the vehicle to come forward and talk to police about what he saw.

Police said the incident poses no threat to the community.

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EXPENSE SCANDAL

Auditor general nitpicking: Senator

Three of the Senate's most influential members have been found by the auditor general to have made ineligible expense claims, but one of the trio, Speaker Leo Housakos, says Michael Ferguson is being "nit-picky."

Housakos and James Cowan, the Liberal leader in the Senate, confirmed Thursday that they're among the 21 senators deemed by Ferguson to have made questionable claims.

Claude Carignan, government leader in the Senate, also made the list, sources familiar with the contents of the audit said.

Cowan said his case involves just over $10,000 worth of travel claims, over which he said he's having a "respectful disagreement" with Ferguson. Housakos said he also disagrees with some of Ferguson's findings.

Housakos said the auditor general is also challenging him on about $6,000 worth of contracts he issued rather than hire a full-time policy adviser. Ferguson had taken exception to the wording of the contracts, but Housakos said he plans to appeal the decision.

"I think the auditor is being, in my particular case, nit-picky," Housakos said, arguing that his contracting arrangements actually saved the Senate money.

The Senate received Ferguson's report, which is about 120 pages, Thursday afternoon.

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PROBE

In addition to the 21 senators, Ferguson has deemed spending by another nine — two current and seven former — to have been egregious enough to warrant RCMP investigation.

Senator aims to get ad costs disclosed

Federal political parties are being challenged to publicly disclose how much taxpayer-subsidized money they're spending on advertising during the unregulated pre-election season.

The advent of fixed dates for federal elections has turned the months leading up to the Oct. 19 national vote into a spending free-for-all.

Sen. Dennis Dawson says that makes a mockery of the strict spending limits imposed during election campaigns, which are meant to reduce the influence of money and level the playing field for all parties.

Dawson, who sits as a Liberal senator, had hoped to compel parties to disclose how much they spend on advertising in the three months before an election is formally called, and to have that count against their campaign spending limit.

"If you're going to be buying them, at least tell them how much you paid for them."
Sen. Dennis Dawson

But two attempts to pass a private member's bill to that effect have gone nowhere.

So Dawson is now calling on the parties to voluntarily disclose how much they spend on advertising in the three months before the writ is dropped for the October vote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ANNIVERSARY

FALLEN MONCTON SOLDIERS REMEMBERED

A concept for a memorial is seen at a ceremony marking the one-year anniversary of the shooting deaths of Constables David Ross, Fabrice Gevaudan and Doug Larche, on Thursday in Moncton, N.B.

The federal budget tabled in April allocated up to $1 million for the memorial, which will be placed in a waterfront park. The force has been criticized for not properly equipping its officers with adequate training and resources, such as patrol carbines. Still, RCMP Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown says the force in Moncton has better equipment than it had a year ago.

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Anti-terror efforts get funding boost

CSIS

Canada's spy agency among beneficiaries

Prime Minister Stephen Harper played up his tough-on-terrorism credentials Thursday, announcing a trifecta of measures aimed at beefing up the country's ability to thwart violent jihad.

The measures, some previously announced in the budget, include more money for Canada's spy agency and more scrutiny of foreign visitors.

"Jihadi terrorists have threatened Canada and Canadians by name and with a clarity that leaves no room for doubt," Harper told a room filled with handpicked observers.

"We are increasing our capacity to detect terrorists and terrorist plots, to choke off the financing that supports them, and to secure our borders against known and suspected terrorists who wish to enter."

Among those on hand for the pre-election announcement at a Toronto north-end hotel were victims of terrorism, including Cindy Barkway, whose husband Dave died in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centre in New York.

During his speech, Harper repeated a familiar refrain: that his Conservatives are the only party that can be counted on to protect the security interests of Canadians.

Under the new measures, the federal government will commit $137 million more over five years to Canada's Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), along with $41 million more a year afterward. The additional funding, Harper said, would allow CSIS to beef up its frontline capacity to counter terrorist threats and activities.

Some experts, however, have argued the earmarked money simply isn't much given the current threat environment, especially with legislation giving the agency more power to stop Canadians from joining terror groups abroad, disrupt bank transactions, and secretly interfere with radical websites.

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DETAILS

Recognizing that terrorists "need cash," Harper also announced that Canada's tax authorities will put more emphasis on uncovering terror-related financing and the charities and organizations behind the money flow. The government also plans to expand biometric screening of foreign citizens coming to Canada.

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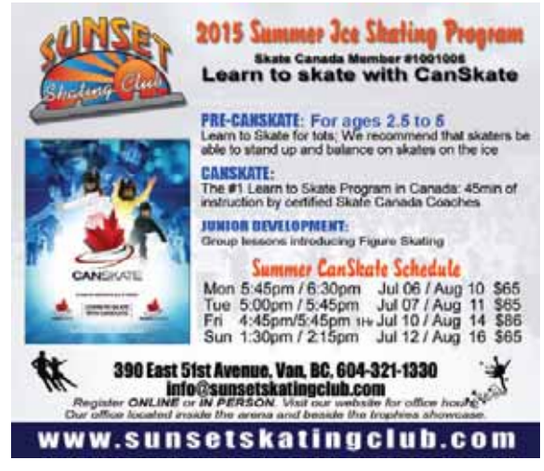
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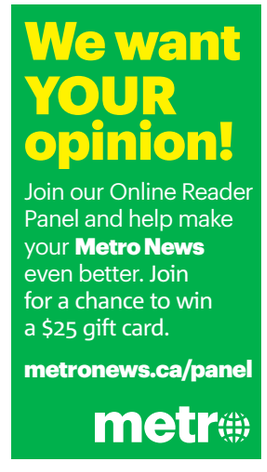
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U.S. weighs missile use against Russia

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

Aggressive responses in Europe on the table

The Obama administration is weighing a range of aggressive responses to Russia's alleged violation of a Cold War-era nuclear treaty, including deploying land-based missiles in Europe that could pre-emptively destroy the Russian weapons.

This "counterforce" option is among possibilities the administration is considering as it reviews its entire policy toward Russia in light of Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine, its annexation of Crimea and other actions the U.S. deems confrontational in Europe and beyond.

The options go so far as one implied — but not stated explicitly — that would improve the ability of U.S. nuclear weapons to destroy military targets on Russian territory.

It all has a certain Cold War ring, even if the White House ultimately decides to continue tolerating Russia's alleged flight-testing of a ground-launched cruise missile with a range prohibited by the treaty.

Russia denies violating the treaty and has, in turn, claimed violations by the United States in erecting missile defences.

It is unclear whether Russia has actually deployed the suspect missile or whether Washington would make any military move if the Russians stopped short of deployment. For now, administration officials say they prefer to continue trying to talk Moscow into treaty compliance.

In public, administration officials have used obscure terms like "counterforce" and "countervailing strike capabilities" to describe two of its military response options, apparently hoping to buy time for diplomacy.

At his Senate confirmation hearing in February, Defence Secretary Ash Carter noted his concern about Russia's alleged violation of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces, or INF, treaty. He said disregard for treaty limitations was a "two-way street" opening the way for the U.S. to respond in kind.

Western leaders are meeting Sunday and Monday for a G-7 summit — from which Russian President Vladimir Putin has been excluded — where Russian aggression will be a key topic.

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In this Dec. 24, 1997, file photo, soldiers prepare to destroy a ballistic SS-19 missile in the yard of the largest former Soviet military rocket base in Vakulenchuk, Ukraine. The Obama administration is weighing a range of aggressive responses to Russia's alleged violation of a Cold War-era nuclear missile treaty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

> **"All the options under consideration are designed to ensure that Russia gains no significant military advantage from their violation.**
> Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Joe Sowers

IN BRIEF

Snowden documents show NSA has expanded U.S. web spying

The Obama administration has expanded the National Security Agency's authority to hunt for foreign threats coursing through American Internet pipes by allowing the agency to collect intelligence on cyber attacks, the New York Times and ProPublica reported Thursday, citing documents provided by Edward Snowden. The reports noted that the surveillance of U.S. internet traffic has been occurring without individual warrants. The warrantless surveillance was legalized in 2008.

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GHANA

Death toll climbs in gas station explosion

The death toll from a huge gas station explosion and flooding in Ghana's capital has more than doubled to 150 people, the president said Thursday night.

Dozens of people had sought shelter at the gas station and in nearby shops in central Accra to escape the torrential rains at the time of Wednesday night's blast. Flooding swept fuel being stored at the station into a nearby fire, triggering the explosion that also set ablaze neighbouring buildings, officials said.

The West African nation will observe three days of mourning with flags flying at half-staff, and the government will allocate about $12 million for relief operations and to repair damaged infrastructure, President John Dramani Mahama told journalists before heading into an emergency meeting.

Before Mahama's announcement, the death toll stood at 73.

TV footage earlier Thursday showed corpses being piled into the back of a pickup truck and other charred bodies trapped amid the debris. Floodwaters around the site hampered rescue and recovery efforts.

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TECHNOLOGY INFLUENTIAL VIDEO GAMES ENTER HALL OF FAME These six video games were inducted Thursday into the World Video Game Hall of Fame at The Strong Museum in Rochester, N.Y. The inductees include Pong, the frontier 1972 table-tennis game, and the incredibly popular Doom, which in 1993 helped fuel the violent-games debate. Joining them are Super Mario Bros., Pac-Man, Tetris and World of Warcraft.

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ADVERTISING

Tims removes Enbridge ads

Tim Hortons has brewed up controversy for its decision to yank ads by pipeline giant Enbridge Inc. from its in-store screens.

On Thursday morning, the coffee-and-doughnut purveyor responded to complaints about the ads on Twitter, telling individual users: ``We value your feedback and the Enbridge advertisements are no longer airing on Tims TV.''

Calgary Conservative MPs like Jason Kenney, Michelle Rempel and Joan Crockatt took the chain to task on Twitter.

Tim Hortons declined to comment.

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Bell boss' remarks upset Netflix users

STREAMING SERVICE

President faces social media backlash over VPN comment

The new head of Bell Media is facing a negative reaction across social media after saying it should be socially unacceptable for Canadians to use technological tricks to access U.S. Netflix.

Mary Ann Turcke told a Toronto telecom conference on Wednesday that using virtual private networks (VPNs) to view content not available in Canada should become taboo.

"It has to become socially unacceptable to admit to another human being that you are VPNing into U.S. Netflix, like throwing garbage out your car window — you just don't do it," she said.

"We have to get engaged and tell people they are stealing. When we were young and made the error of swiping candy bars at the checkout of the grocery store, what did our parents do? They marched us back in, humiliated us, told us to apologize to the nice lady and likely scolded us on the way home."

Turcke, who recently replaced Kevin Crull as the company's president, recalled reprimanding her 15-year-old daughter over the teen's use of a VPN to watch the American version of Netflix.

Turcke criticized newspapers for publishing how-to articles she said were "educating the masses on how to get around copyright law."

Many scoffed at her comments on social media, calling them out of touch and unrealistic.

"What is this, opposite day? The only people not using a VPN to use Netflix are those who don't know how," one tweeted.

"I gladly do it, and lots of us did it when working for Bell. Offer choice or I'll choose for myself," wrote another.

A few sided with Turcke, accusing those who defended the practice of making excuses for their bad behaviour.

"You can rationalize accessing foreign versions of Netflix all you want. The law is on Bell's side and your skirting these restrictions isn't the equivalent of Rosa Parks," one online commentor wrote.

VPNs allow users to mask the location of their IP address, circumventing geographic restrictions on online content.

A spokesman for Bell Media said Turcke would not be available for comment on Thursday.

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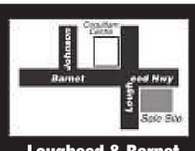

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Happy face/Sad face

From **chimp chefs** to **zigzagging Zambonis**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Man learns not to drink at the rink

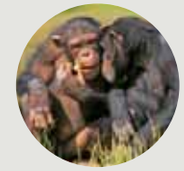
A North Dakota man who admitted he drove a Zamboni drunk was sentenced to nine days and fined $1,500 US this week. Steven Anderson, 27, had a blood alcohol level four times the legal limit when arrested in January at a girls' hockey game in Fargo. Witnesses said he was driving erratically and crashing into the boards. The judge didn't buy the argument that a Zamboni isn't a vehicle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nutrition app could give foodies #TMI

A new technology could give social media mavens who like to share #brunch and #foodporn pictures a rude awakening. Google's artificial intelligence prototype Im2Calories can teach you a lot about your food — if you want to know. It analyzes food photos and estimates how many calories are on your plate. The program measures the depth of each pixel, picks up on patterns and calculates your meal's size relative to objects like condiments and cutlery. CBC.CA

If you give a chimp an oven...

A new study has shed light on how our hominid ancestors first learned to cook. Harvard psychologists gave chimpanzees an oven-like device but didn't show them how to use it. The animals learned to place raw potato in the "chimp microwave," shake it, wait, and get a tasty, cooked treat—showing off skills like planning and delayed gratification. Real fire wasn't used because chimps still don't understand "Careful: Hot." NPR



Reading, writing and revitalizing

A project at two Ontario First Nations schools is drawing praise for converting reluctant readers. When it began in 2010, 13 per cent of Grade 3 kids were reading at grade level. By 2014, 67 per cent were. The number of special needs students fell from 45 per cent to 19 — raising questions about whether learning problems or inadequate teaching were really to blame. The secret formula? 100 minutes reading and writing per day, every day. MACLEAN'S

Finally, technology has found a cure for thirst

THE KOHLER REPORT
Rebecca Kohler

I've been parched for years, and I've never been sure what to do about it. But now a crowdfunding venture has raised more than $110,000 to help develop a new product called HidrateMe — a smart water bottle that tells you when to drink water. Thank God!

To let you know it's time to drink, the 24-ounce HidrateMe bottle glows — kind of like a wet lantern — until you take a sip. The container connects to your smartphone via Bluetooth (unfortunately there is no Ethernet option). After installing the HidrateMe app, it will ask you for personal information like your height and weight (it already knows your IQ is low: you purchased the product). Based on these details and factoring in your environment — temperature, elevation and humidity — HidrateMe calculates your "water goals," for how much water you should be drinking and when.

"Water goals"! What a fun term. At first it made me think about people in poor countries and their water goals. Goals like "finding water" and "drinking water that doesn't cause me to poo my pants." Then I realized, "Wait! This is about my water goals! Personal water goals."

After some soul searching, I came to the conclusion that while my water goals seem far away during a hangover, I feel like I achieve them on a day-to-day basis, based on the fact that I'm currently alive.

So do I need this bossy gadget? Sure, it's flashy and all — my body's "drink-water-now" mechanism (thirst) is kind of boring and passé and so 1999 (BC). And I can think of some fun, alternate uses for the HidrateMe bottle: filling your boss's with vodka, or, instead of using it as a glowing water bottle, using it as a flashlight for thirsty people …

I'm being hard on HidrateMe, because I think it's gimmicky. Sure, it'll tell me when to drink, but I'm still in charge. I constantly have a glass of water on my desk and I constantly don't drink from it. Human nature trumps "smart" gadgets.

A glowing bottle might help me for a few days, but like with all the self-help apps I've downloaded (quit smoking, run faster, Tinder), I'll just start ignoring it.

My body's 'drink-water-now' mechanism (thirst) is kind of boring and passé and so 1999 (BC).

I won't be surprised if, within a few months of launching, HidrateMe apps all over the world will be under the impression that their users have succumbed to the effects dehydration and died.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The new definition of masculinity won't be womansplained

My little brother came for a visit last week.

These days, though, he's more of a strapping young guy in his mid-20s.

Watching his evolution — from the boy who ran with windmill legs to a truck-driving carpenter — has been fascinating and, sometimes, worrying.

I've long felt deeply uneasy about the modern ideal of masculinity and its effect on him. Our culture glorifies the stoic man: in control, never vulnerable physically or emotionally. The consummate provider and leader.

But why hear that from me, when you can hear it from Donovan McKenzie, founder of In the Heart of a Man, a new Toronto-based organization that is fighting to redefine masculinity.

Tall, muscled and deep-voiced, McKenzie looks like a tough guy. And for years, that's what he tried to be, until he realized that striving to constantly "be a man" left him depressed, even suicidal.

"I grew up as this big black guy that was supposed to be strong. I grew up in a neighbourhood where it was really taboo to say you're sad," he told me. "I always heard in my head, 'Man up.' Men aren't supposed to feel this way."

"Imagine if there's something I could turn to, so I didn't have to hold this all in my heart?" he added.

He's spoken to young men in schools and prisons about embracing their feelings and accepting themselves. He runs a Humans of New York-style photo blog about men and an online community.

"Because of my story, I think it's time to have that outlet," he said.

UBC's dean of education, Dr. Blye Frank, would likely agree. Frank, who studies the links between masculinity and men's education and health, argues that men engage in risky behaviours to show their manliness. That can lead to higher rates of accidental death and suicide, even cancer, than women.

The new definition of masculinity remains up for grabs.

It might mean, as it did for writer Navneet Alang, unlearning the sexism he grew up with.

Even so, "I'm not sure I've gotten to the point of what an idealized form of masculinity might be," Alang told me.

As for my brother, he says masculinity means courage, restraint, and sacrifices "for yourself and your family."

Whatever the definition, though, it won't be figured out by women like me. We need womansplaining as much as mansplaining these days.

It will come from Frank, Alang, McKenzie, and my little/big brother.

And, I hope, soon.

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REVIEW

Director Feig reunites with Bridesmaids actress

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

McCarthy kicks ass as a top CIA analyst turned spy in a new comedy by Bridesmaids director Feig. PHOTO COURTESY 20TH CENTURY FOX

I used to find Melissa McCarthy frustrating.

Director Paul Feig called her "one of the funniest people in the world." Her husband, actor Ben Falcone, said she "will do anything to get a laugh," but her tendency to go for the easy gag often put me in the mind of Will Ferrell in his Blades of Glory nadir.

Thanks to a string of hits like Bridesmaids, Identity Thief, The Heat and Tammy — and an $809 million box office total — McCarthy is a rarity in Hollywood: a female comedy superstar.

Everyone agrees she is a skilled comic actor who amplifies the funny in good movies and elevates the jokes in lesser scripts but the latter is why I used to find her exasperating. Much of her recent work — this weekend's very funny Spy notwithstanding — has relied on her major personality to magnify minor material.

There's no arguing with the kind of financial success she has enjoyed but critical accolades have been elusive.

The Wall Street Journal, for instance, said of Tammy, "The movie's principal intention is to make you laugh at a loser, and revel in scenes from which polite people would instinctively turn away."

Bridesmaids was her flashpoint, the film that broke her out of the TV sidekick treadmill. As Megan she stole the show out from under other, better-known stars like Kristen Wiig and earned an Oscar nomination. It's a wonderful, weird performance that hinted at great things to come.

But aside from a few inspired moments she has not made good on the promise of Bridesmaids. Her work has come to rely too heavily on a stock character, the obnoxious loser with a heart of gold buried beneath a thick shell of one-liners and non sequiturs.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Spy ★★★★
Entourage ★★
Hungry Hearts ★★★½
Insidious: Chapter 3 ★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
★★	UP TO YOU
★	SKIP IT

"I've played a lot of characters who are very vocal, very aggressive," she told me last year. "For the women I've played there is a reason why they are so ballsy and it is nice when you see the crack in the veneer and you realize, 'It's part of their insecurity. They stay loud so nobody yells at them.'"

It's an interesting character breakdown but one that played itself out by the end of 2013's Identity Thief when, I believe, she became infected with Will Ferrell disease.

There was a time when Ferrell could do no wrong. At least that's what the directors of Blades of Glory, Land of the Lost and Semi-Pro thought. Popular with audiences, he was allowed to run riot in a series of so-so films resulting in the bleak middle period of his career where manic energy replaced humour in his films.

McCarthy suffers from the same affliction. She is funny, she knows how to deliver a line, but in Identity Thief, The Heat and Tammy she's off the chain, Ferrelling her way through underwritten scripts.

Ferrell turned things around and so has McCarthy. In St. Vincent she took a step away from her well-established comedic persona to deliver laughs and show her dramatic range.

Her latest film Spy is also a welcome return to form. Paired once again with director Feig, the movie offers up the best of both worlds — a funny, smart script and a director who knows how to maximize her talents. As Susan Cooper, a CIA computer-analyst-turned-international-field-agent-on-a-mission-of-revenge, she's likeable, funny and most importantly, reined in.

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White meat, fries and lots of spies

Columnist Jessica Allen in her early undercover days.
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Swiss Chalet chicken dinner reminds Allen of childhood spy games

THE TV DINNER

Jessica Allen

Nearly every Saturday night during my youth, our family of four would eat at the Swiss Chalet on Dundas Street in London, Ont. Right before we'd see a movie and just after we ordered four quarter chicken dinners (fries, white meat), I'd ask to use the washroom.

While it was not out of the ordinary in the '80s to spot an eight-year-old visit the washroom unattended, slightly more curious was seeing that child form a gun with her hand while slinking down the stairs because she thought she was a spy.

And not just any spy on their way to gather intelligence from the loo, but James Bond himself.

It was the fault of my folks for allowing me, from a very early age, to see Bond films — which occasionally led to awkward conversations: "Dad, what's an 'Octopussy'?"

Although it never occurred to me that on account of my gender I couldn't be James Bond, I'm happy to see a woman star in a spy film, albeit a spoof of the genre.

In Spy, which hits theatres on June 5, Melissa McCarthy plays a desk-bound CIA analyst thrown into the field as an undercover agent in order to prevent a global disaster. The film reunites her with Bridesmaids director Paul Feig.

My love of washrooms doesn't end with espionage: I vividly remember the post-food-poisoning epic washroom scene in Bridesmaids, which managed to surpass Dumb and Dumber's finely tuned aria of toilet noise.

However, I wasn't eating alone so neither film was an option. Take-out Swiss Chalet (white meat, fries), however, was uncontested.

"What about a Bourne movie?" I asked my partner Simon.

"The Bourne movies you've seen a hundred times? What about Barry Lyndon?"

"Not that Kubrick pic again."

Then I remembered the Swiss Chalet waitresses' uniforms back when they still wanted to emphasize the "Swiss" bits.

As my brother and I sipped Kitty Cocktails, we'd gaze up at ample bosoms. So Simon and I watched Martin Scorsese's 1993 adaptation of The Age of Innocence, obviously.

White wine replaced the Kitty Cocktail but the quarter chicken dinner was just as I remembered. The corsage cleavage, however, was a little flat.

Edith Wharton's Gilded Age novel is about gender restriction, something critics think limit McCarthy.

By repeatedly playing the "hot mess," she's pigeonholing herself, they say.

It's a false assumption that if you conquer the gender divide on the screen, it will make the gender divide in the real world more palatable.

Besides, I don't want to watch McCarthy take a dump in a sink because she's a woman. I want to see her do it because she's one of the few genuinely hilarious people on screen, like Buster Keaton before her, who's mastered the art of physical comedy.

McCarthy's mission in Spy is to save the world. With all due respect to her bowels, I hope she never stops.

STREAMING

Working with Wachowskis Daryl Hannah's dream job

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

When Daryl Hannah heard the team behind The Matrix and Cloud Atlas were doing a Netflix series, she was sold. The fact the Wachowskis' mind-bending Sense8, which launches Friday on Netflix, deals with how humans can be more connected and compassionate was icing on the cake.

How was this project first explained to you?

It wasn't. I heard from the casting director that Lana and Andy Wachowski were doing an original series and they were looking for a character called Mr. Whispers, and did I have any ideas about that character — and maybe I could even come in because they were thinking about casting that character in a more transgender or androgynous way.

So I went in to read for Mr. Whisper's role, and then they said, "We'd like you for another role, Angel" — which there wasn't even a description of at that point. I just wanted to do it because of the Wachowskis, and then when I found out the themes they discuss about interconnectedness and the similarities that we share, the boundaries that they push, I was really just over the moon.

Daryl Hannah in Sense8.
MURRAY CLOSE/NETFLIX

How is it to get back into the science fiction realm?

I wouldn't really call it the science fiction realm. I mean, it's fantastical, for sure, but it's set in a very real world and present day, and there are no spaceships flying around or anything like that. But I do think incorporating a supernatural or fantastical element allows us to be taken places that we might not be as comfortable going in just a very real setting alone.

How many of the nine filming locations did you go to?

Nine cities in eight countries. I went to all of them. When I'm standing in Nairobi, I'm standing in Nairobi. And it feels that way when you see it. Even though it's physically hard to see CGI and green screen stuff, you can feel it.

It seems like a production Netflix is suited to support.

I think this only could happen on something like Netflix. It couldn't exist anywhere else. It couldn't exist with the advertisers, sponsors and the censorship of television. It couldn't happen in movies because they're too expensive these days. So it really is the only place that something like this could evolve.

INTERVIEW

The Entourage star talks fame and his not-so-alter ego

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

Hot, successful actor Adrian Grenier plays Vincent Chase — a hot, successful actor — in the Entourage movie, out this week. CONTRIBUTED

You would think life in Hollywood could be a bit awkward when you're best known for playing one the biggest (fictional) movie stars in the world, but Adrian Grenier insists his Entourage character, Vincent Chase, hasn't cast a shadow over his own career.

"I mean, I think it's a failure of imagination if you start to let your successes bog you down," said Grenier. "If I have to work harder to convince people that I'm more than the character or I have other things up my sleeve, then so be it."

In fact, Grenier made peace with his fictional alter ego a long time ago — for self-preservation if for nothing else.

"We're sort of living vicariously through each other, comfortably sharing the same space," he said. "When people call me Vince, I answer. I don't try to correct people. Because I am Vince to many people. I mean, even blurring the lines as much as the fact that Vince was Aquaman and in real life I do a lot of ocean work. I am Aquaman in real life, in a way."

Of course, there really is an Aquaman coming — to be directed by Furious 7's James Wan, from the same studio that released Entourage — but that one will star Jason Momoa, not Vincent Chase. Or Adrian Grenier. And just in case you were wondering, Grenier made no effort at all to get a shot at the superhero role that was such a success for Vinny Chase.

"I think that would've been too silly," he said. "I mean, if James Cameron was directing it I might be into it."

The Entourage film finds Vince a few years removed from the series' triumphant finale, a hugely successful and newly divorced movie star who now wants to direct his first feature — a plot point Grenier, a director himself, had a hand in crafting.

"Vince wanting to direct was part of what I was pushing for. I wanted to step up the character and allow him to evolve into that next stage of his career," said Grenier. "But for the most part Doug (Ellin) borrows from a lot of our real lives and also from what's happening out there in the zeitgeist."

Of course, Grenier has earned a unique view of the entertainment industry thanks to eight seasons and a movie spent playing Vince, and he insists the show's depiction of Hollywood is not as exaggerated as some make it out to be.

"It's pretty realistic. It reflects a truth, a reality in Hollywood, certainly, but also in a culture that puts fame and fortune and conspicuous consumption at the front," he said.

"It's wish-fulfillment fantasy, but at the same time it has something that's special about friendship and loyalty. And really it gives all the tools and guidelines on how to survive that world."

That loyalty bit — Vince's lifelong pals that make up his entourage — is key, he explained.

"I don't think it would be as popular of a show if it was only just the indulgence. That sounds like it would be a gossip show or something," said Grenier. "This is so much more.

"It's about the characters."

> **"We're sort of living vicariously through each other, comfortably sharing the same space.**
> Adrian Grenier

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DRAMA

Love & Mercy

Director: Bill Pohlad
Starring: Paul Dano, John Cusack

Love & Mercy presents an unconventional portrait of Brian Wilson, the mercurial singer, songwriter and leader of The Beach Boys. Set against the era-defining catalogue of Wilson's music, the film intimately examines the personal voyage and ultimate salvation of the icon.

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DOCUMENTARY

Sunshine Superman

Director: Doug Ellin
Starring: Jeremy Piven, Adrian Grenier

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ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics:	Audience:
89%	89%

DOCUMENTARY

Some Kind of Love

Director: Thomas Burstyn
Starring: Yolanda Sonnabend, Joseph Sonnabend

This is a film about two vastly different siblings. A world-famous scientist and a revered artist grapple with the challenges of their reunion in filmmaker Thomas Burstyn's moving documentary about family, duty and reconciliation.

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BASE jumping as a metaphor for life

DOCUMENTARY

'If you're not paying attention, you're going to be dead'

Steve Gow
For Metro

When extreme sports legend Dean Potter died leaping in a wingsuit from a ridge in Yosemite National Park three weeks ago, it thrust a somber spotlight upon the controversial sport of BASE jumping.

But as tragic as that unfortunate death was, filmmaker Marah Strauch insists there's a lot more positive in the extreme sport of diving from fixed structures (building, antenna, span, and Earth, hence the acronym) than people tend to understand. It's something she hopes to reveal in her acclaimed documentary, Sunshine Superman.

"There are a lot of amazing things happening in BASE jumping," said Strauch during a recent interview. Rattled by the media's aversion "to report good news," she mentioned there are few examples that get favorable coverage — most notably, Felix Baumgartner's infamous 2012 supersonic skydive 24 miles above the Earth.

"It was wonderful when the media talked about that," said Strauch. "(But) I think that if he had passed away, it would've been an even bigger story. People like sensationalism (but) there's all kinds of successful things happening in BASE jumping all the time."

In Sunshine Superman, Strauch primarily focuses on the inspirational life of Carl Boenish — a cinematographer-turned-pioneering BASE jumper. As much as the movie utilizes Boenish's own captivating 16mm footage (which Strauch serendipitously stumbled upon through her uncle) to tell his story, the first-time director also aimed to present what people get out of leaping from tall buildings.

"These people are very freely doing what they love," said Strauch. "I identify with people who are true to their own vision of what life should be, whatever that may be. As long as it's not harming anybody — to me, that's something I can relate to."

Strauch may have gleaned inspiration from Boenish's found-footage but admits she hasn't tried BASE jumping. Instead, Strauch discovered the sport motivated her in another form — to make the documentary.

"BASE jumping isn't for everyone at all but I think that it's something that people can be inspired by," said Strauch. "For me, this idea of overcoming fears, this idea of taking risks and being focused and concentrating on that moment of exit. In BASE jumping, if you're not paying attention, you're going to be dead. That, in life, is a really good lesson to learn."

THE PERFECT FILMMAKER

"I was probably a good person to make the film," explained Strauch. "It could've been made into this really extreme sports, kind of macho film — which I don't think it is. It's this love story set against the backdrop of BASE jumping."

Jean and Carl Boenish in Sunshine Superman. CONTRIBUTED

Blythe Danner, right, plays Carol, a widow and former songstress in I'll See You in My Dreams. BLEECKER STREET/AP

Blythe spirit is as fresh as ever

Richard Crouse
Metro | Life

When I mention to Blythe Danner there is Academy Award buzz around her work as Carol, a widow taking tentative steps into the world of dating in the new film I'll See You in My Dreams, she says, "That, I find idiotic." Long pause. "But thank you."

Danner made her film debut in 1972, two years after she won a Best Supporting Actress Tony Award for Butterflies Are Free on Broadway.

Since then she has amassed over one hundred film and television credits, including all three Meet the Parents movies and Sylvia, where she played the mother of Sylvia Plath as portrayed by her real-life daughter Gwyneth Paltrow.

Remarkably, I'll See You in My Dreams is her first lead role on the big screen.

She plays Carol, a widowed woman whose carefully constructed world is rattled when she starts dating Bill (Sam Elliott).

"I think it is a very underplayed role," she says.

"Yes, she runs the gamut of emotions but there is nothing that is very extreme in my playing of this role. It is heartening that people are touched by the whole film and if they are by my performance, that is very flattering but I don't see it as an Oscar-worthy performance. I just don't see it. The possibility seems absurd to me."

The veteran actress admits to feeling uncomfortable accepting praise

"I do think there is something wrong with me. I really do. I'm very perverse. It may be the fact that I went to Quaker schools growing up. I grew up in a household where we were always told not to get a big head about being received positively. It's the work that is important. My favourite thing when I played Nina in The Seagull was her speech at the end when she says, 'I know now that it is not the fame and the glory that is important, but how to endure.'"

> **"I do think there is something wrong with me ... I'm very perverse.**
> Blythe Danner

Danner's wonderfully rendered portrayal of Carol is being called "quietly touching" by the New York Times and "deeply felt" by Variety but she credits writer-director Brett Haley with writing a script that was, "clear and accessible and simple."

"It was all on the page," she says.

"I felt so grateful. I found it effortless. I feel a little guilty about saying that because it should have been harder. From the beginning to the end it was a gift."

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Loren Christie

Heading to the Maritimes this summer? Let your stomach guide you.

NOVA SCOTIA

1 Lobster season never ends in Nova Scotia; it just rotates around the province's different coastal regions. The Lobster Shack in **Barrington Passage** serves up a heavenly lobster fondue where diners dip skewers of toasted garlic bread and hunks of lobster into a delicious cream sauce.

2 **Oxford** is the blueberry capital of the world. Time your visit for harvest season at the beginning of August and make sure to try blueberry grunt, dumplings cooked in a blueberry sauce.

3 Located on the Bay of Fundy, the town of **Digby** is all about scallops. Have them on their own starring in a seafood chowder.

4 Quench your thirst along the Good Cheer Trail, which includes 14 wineries, 12 craft breweries, five distilleries and five brew pubs from **Yarmouth** to **Cape Breton**. It also includes two historical sites, the Fortress of Louisbourg and Port Royal, where Samuel de Champlain established the Order of Good Cheer back in 1606 as way to raise the spirits of early settlers.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1 The charming fishing village of **North Rustico** is home to the Blue Mussel Café, the perfect spot to sample some of the world's best mussels.

2 Carr's Oyster Bar in **Stanley Bridge** serves up Malpeque oysters fresh from their own beds.

3 Cows Ice Cream is an island classic. Visit its factory in **Charlottetown** and sample its ice cream, old cheddar cheese and chocolate-covered potato chips.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1 Ever tried seaweed? Bags of dulse are sold like potato chips at Roland's Sea Vegetables on the island of **Grand Manan**.

2 Sample delicious Acadian treats, such as poutine râpée, pets de soeur, poutine à trou and chicken fricot, at Le Menu Acadien in **Shediac** ...

3 ... Or the Restaurant La Sagouine in **Bouctouche**.

4 Ployes are buckwheat pancakes that are hugely popular in the **Edmundston** area. Contrary to a pancake, a ploye is only cooked on one side. Before eating it, butter it up and slather it in maple syrup, brown sugar or molasses.

5 Ganong Chocolates in **St. Stephen** is Canada's oldest independently family-owned and operated chocolate company. They were the original inventors of the heart-shaped candy box. Try one of their original products; a Pal-O-Mine chocolate bar or chicken bones, a popular pink Christmas candy.

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Best hotel prices
While some hotels reveal unadvertised perks when you book with them directly, it's the major travel booking sites that offer a best price guarantee. You can snap up a good deal when you see it, then find a better price somewhere else later if you want. Expedia even throws in travel coupons. Less stress and more savings.

Bond hideaway
From now until Oct. 31, take advantage of a special four-night package at GoldenEye Hotel & Resort in Jamaica, once the five-bedroom villa of James Bond creator Ian Fleming. This is where he wrote all 14 Bond novels. Write postcards at Fleming's original desk and have cocktails at Noel Coward's old house next door. Visit GoldenEye.com.

The GoldenEye Hotel & Resort, Jamaica.
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True North
Whales, bears, walruses — and Alex Trebek. Adventure Canada has hooked the Jeopardy host to be the special guest on its 12-day Arctic Explorer trip departing Aug. 9 from Resolute, Nunavut. The cruise includes a visit to the remains of the Franklin Expedition on Beechey Island. Visit AdventureCanada.com.

Home-grown dinosaurs
In the run-up to the release of Jurassic World, get your very own dinosaur adventure right here in Canada near Brooks, Alta., at the Dinosaur Provincial Park. Explore the badlands, camp under the stars, take part in an authentic dinosaur dig and examine the almost 500 fossils. Visit TravelAlberta.com.
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Living on the edge

ADVENTURE

These skywalks are not for the faint of heart

Steve Gow
For Metro

BRIDGECLIMB SYDNEY

BRIDGECLIMB — SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

What it is: If you don't mind climbing stairs, BridgeClimb is a march over the outer arches of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge where you'll be able to soak in the gorgeous panorama of Australia's largest metropolis from 134 metres above the harbour.
Why it should be tackled: The views are simply sensational. Plus, if climbing the bridge doesn't wear you out, your admission also includes the Pylon Lookout — a 200-stair ascent to breathtaking views of Sydney's Opera House and three levels of exhibits about the history of the Harbour Bridge. bridgeclimb.com

EDGEWALK VIA FACEBOOK

EDGEWALK — TORONTO

What it is: The world record holder for "highest external walk on a building," CN Tower's EdgeWalk offers the chance to stroll "hands free" around the circumference of Toronto's iconic skyscraper. While participants are harnessed for safety, daredevils are still encouraged to lean themselves out 116 storeys above the city.
Why it should be tackled: EdgeWalk not only allows for a one-of-a-kind view of Canada's largest city, but admission also gets you a video, photos, access to the LookOut level, Glass Floor and other attractions. edgewalkcntower.ca

FLICKR: WILLIAM NG

GLACIER SKYWALK — ALBERTA

What it is: Jutting out from a roadside cliff-edge atop the Sunwapta valley between Jasper and Banff, Glacier Skywalk offers fearless travellers the opportunity to traverse a glass-floored walkway 918 feet over forest and waterfalls.
Why it should be tackled: For as little as $30, intrepid tourists can experience one of the most breathtaking views in the Canadian Rockies. And if acrophobia (extreme fear of heights) doesn't set in, you may even enjoy some of the nature-inspired interpretive exhibits along the way. glacierskywalk.ca

FLICKR: STEPHAN HAUBOLD

GRAND CANYON SKYWALK — ARIZONA

What it is: The Skywalk is the only place along the Grand Canyon where travellers can amble along a glass-bottomed walkway 4,000 feet above the Colorado River. Built in 2007, the horseshoe-shaped bridge is strong enough to support about 70 747 airplanes.
Why it should be tackled: Although the Skyway is a bit on the pricey side and in a relatively remote area, venturesome tourists say the experience is exhilarating and provides absolutely stunning views of the Grand Canyon. grandcanyonskywalk.com

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TIANMEN MOUNTAIN — CHINA

What it is: The skywalk on Tianmen Mountain in Zhangjiajie, China, is the apex for adventurers. First, daredevils need to ride the world's longest cable car (more than 7 kilometres) just to reach a sheer cliff-face that hangs 1,433 metres above sea level. There awaits a rickety, nearly one-metre wide glass-bottomed overhang.
Why it should be tackled: Face your fears. Tianmen National Park also offers other plucky pursuits, including the Xianren Qiao (Bridge of the Immortals), a narrow rock bridge. chinahighlights.com/zhangjiajie/attraction

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They're the coolest tech toy for creative dads. This gadget uses plastic filaments to build up a three-dimensional prototype, letting you custom-make everything from spare parts to jewellery almost instantly. At-home versions are becoming more affordable as they become more advanced.

SMART WATCHES
They've been around for a while, but have generally been big and bulky. Thanks to developments in smaller, longer-lasting battery power and a wide selection of apps, we'll soon be using smart watches to send and receive messages, sync up our electronics, remotely control our smart phones and, of course, tell time.

A PORTABLE CHARGER
Whether you're out on a family hike or hanging out at soccer practice far from an outlet, every dad on the go has at some point been caught with a low battery. A portable power bank will ensure that you're always energized.

HIGH-END HEADPHONES
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Olympic gold-medal-winning speedskater Christine Nesbitt has retired

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Scandal looms large

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Talk of trouble dominates opening news conference

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Even the dullest of knives could've cut the tension by the end of Thursday's opening press conference for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, as wave after wave of questions about the ongoing FIFA scandal rolled upon the dignitaries at the podium.

On more than one occasion, FIFA media relations manager Segolene Valentin, who was moderating the news conference, butted in to ask if there were questions about the actual tournament, which begins Saturday in Edmonton, where the host Canadian squad will open its quest for a World Cup title against China.

FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke was initially slated to attend the opening news conference, but he has become among the latest officials to be swept up in the widespread corruption scandal and will remain in Zurich, Switzerland.

Valentin could not confirm if Sepp Blatter — who declared that he's stepping down as the president of soccer's governing body, just days after re-election following the dramatic arrests of several FIFA officials in Switzerland — will be in Canada for the tournament.

Canadian Soccer Association president Victor Montagliani speaks during a news conference for the Women's World Cup in Vancouver on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

And by the end of it, Victor Montagliani, president of the Canadian Soccer Association and chair for the national organizing committee, sternly lectured reporters to "maybe look in the mirror a little bit and maybe not put people on a pedestal so you can whack the hell out of them after," when further questioned about his relationship with Jeffrey Webb, who was among those FIFA officials arrested on corruption charges.

In a Business Vancouver article, Montagliani listed Webb as one of his "inspirations."

Citing Webb's position on the FIFA anti-racism task force, Montagliani said that prior to the arrest last week, "it wouldn't be hard to respect someone of that nature."

"Having said that, if the allegations ... are true, then obviously that would change a lot of people's opinion," said Montagliani.

This Women's World Cup is touted as the largest women's sporting event, with Peter Montopoli, CSA general secretary and chief executive officer for the national organizing committee, saying there have already been 920,000 tickets sold so far.

Saturday's opener is expected to draw a crowd of 52,000 people at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium.

"I think we should all thank that it's the Women's World Cup that is immediately following here," said Montagliani, "because I think it's an opportunity for women's football to shine some light onto the game that has perhaps lost a little bit of its moral compass."

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The number of tickets sold so far for the Women's World Cup

Herdman able to get the most out of his players

The Canadian women call John Herdman the "Black Flash" when their coach joins in on their soccer practices. It's a name he gave himself, they note.

Herdman, who played for his university as well as semi-pro teams back home in England, has a sense of humour.

But most of all, Herdman is a master motivator and source of inspiration, his players say. No one works harder or longer.

They say Herdman has made them better players and better people.

Herdman's journey with the Canadian women started when he took over from Carolina Morace in the wake of a disastrous 2011 World Cup that saw Canada finish last.

Ask the players what state they were in after the tournament in Germany, almost every one uses the same word: broken.

One of his mentors told Herdman he needed to find a way to get the Canadian team reconnected after the "trauma" of the 2011 World Cup. In doing his homework, Herdman was struck by Canada's patriotism.

"My first piece was like, 'Who are you as Canadians?' That was my first question. Tell us," said Herdman. "And we went 30 minutes in a meeting. They'd never been asked that before by a Norwegian or an Italian coach."

In Canada's final warm-up game last week, every member of the match-day squad took the field for the anthems before facing England in Hamilton, Ont. They put their arms over their neighbours' shoulder and sang O Canada together. Only the English starters were on the field.

John Herdman took over as Canada's coach following the 2011 Women's World Cup. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Herdman has challenged his players to become true leaders, a subject they have literally studied off the field through books and lectures. He has had them strip away defence mechanisms to share their emotions with their teammates, further strengthening team ties.

Ask his players what it's like working under Herdman, and they say it's an honour and a privilege.

"(He's) somebody that knows absolutely how to get the best out of people," said veteran defender Carmelina Moscato. "He's a high-performing guy. He's created the environment for that. And you talk about squeezing blood from a rock, I mean he's really done it with a lot of us — reinventing us."

"The best coach I've ever had," said forward Jonelle Filigno. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FIFA NOTES

Body admits to writing off $5M loan to Ireland

FIFA has admitted to giving Ireland $5 million in compensation for missing out on a place at the 2010 World Cup after Thierry Henry's handball that set up the French winner.

The payment — initially a loan — was not disclosed in the wake of the 2009 playoff game, which France won 2-1 on aggregate to reach the finals in South Africa.

Thierry Henry GETTY IMAGES FILE

The cash from FIFA was first disclosed in public on Thursday by Football Association of Ireland chief executive John Delaney, who didn't say it was a loan.

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South African police investigating bribe claims

South African authorities have opened a preliminary investigation into World Cup bribery allegations, and an opposition lawmaker said Thursday he had information suggesting "high-level" involvement.

Anton Alberts of the Freedom Front Plus said the information his party received claimed a previous investigation into payments around the World Cup bid was stopped by "high-level interference."

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Racism reason for Qatar World Cup hate: Minister

Qatar's foreign minister says racism is behind the allegations that his country was wrongly awarded the 2022 World Cup, and he denounced the furor surrounding the widening FIFA scandal.

Khalid Bin Mohammad Al Attiyah, visiting Tunisia, said on Thursday that his country co-operated with American investigators and was cleared of any suspicion.

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Finn's progress far from finished

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Teravainen's development on display with title on the line

Teuvo Teravainen is a cold-blooded scorer, in the eyes of Marian Hossa.

"He doesn't seem to have a heartbeat," Hossa said. "He's so calm. He's Finnish cold."

With ice chips in his veins as the intensity has risen, Teravainen has heated up as the playoffs have gone on. Leading the Blackhawks past the Tampa Bay Lightning with two points in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final served as something of a coming-out party for the 20-year-old rookie.

Teravainen is one of the best prospects in hockey. But veteran Kimmo Timonen believes his fellow Finn has a lot of work to do before he can reach NHL stardom.

Teuvo Teravainen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"He's got a long way to go," Timonen said. "He's a skinny guy, so he's got to start lifting weights and doing that ... I told him, 'This summer, you've got to make sure you work out.

"Golf is not a workout."'

Teravainen, like so many young, talented players can make it look easy. The world junior star oozes skill and has magic hands, a product of playing floor ball while growing up.

His talent is undeniable but his game is often inconsistent. After Teravainen spent the first half of the season in the minors, coach Joel Quenneville at times made him a healthy scratch, including five times in these playoffs.

Quenneville likes Teravainen's "upside" and his respect for veterans. He hopes Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane rub off on him.

"I think watching these guys on a regular basis could help him grow, help him learn what it takes to be a great player, top player, game in, game out," Quenneville said.

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THIS WEEKEND

Go to metronews.ca for more coverage of the Stanley Cup final.

NBA FINALS FIRST BLOOD TO WARRIORS Stephen Curry scored 26 points, including the first four of overtime, and the Golden State Warriors overcame LeBron James' 44 points for a 108-100 victory Thursday night in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. The Warriors scored the first 10 points of the extra period, pitching a shutout until James' meaningless basket with under 10 seconds to go. James had his highest point total ever in the finals. Game 2 is Sunday night. BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Unwell Williams battles to make French open final

At changeovers in her French Open semifinal, an ill Serena Williams walked ever so slowly to the sideline, where even lowering herself to sit seemed difficult.

With the temperature nearing 85 F (30 C), she pressed white towels filled with ice against her forehead and neck and guzzled water.

Early on, her play was as poor as her health. She failed to chase balls she normally would. As telling as anything: On those occasions when she did win points, Williams mostly refrained from her familiar fist pumps and yells of "Come on!"

Never can count her out, though, no matter the circumstances. Down a set and a break Thursday, and clearly not herself, Williams summoned the resolve to reach the final by beating 23rd-seeded Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

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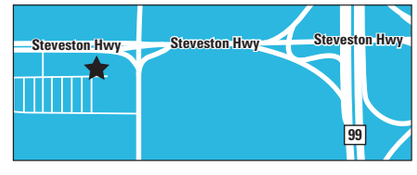

RECIPE Arugula Tomato Quinoa Salad

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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A delicious and refreshing summer salad. Quinoa is a complete protein, making this a great option as a main dish for vegetarians.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1½ cups cooked quinoa (½ uncooked)
- 4 cups cherry tomatoes, sliced in half (red and yellow)
- 4 cups arugula or spinach
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 oz crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ cup fresh chopped mint or basil

Directions

1. If cooking quinoa, add one and a half cups stock or water to each half cup uncooked quinoa. Bring to boil, cover and simmer, on lowest heat for 15 minutes, just until quinoa is tender. Drain off any excess liquid. Add to serving bowl.

2. When quinoa is cooled, add remaining ingredients and mix well.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 140
- Protein 5 g
- Fibre 3 g
- Fat 7 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 160 mg

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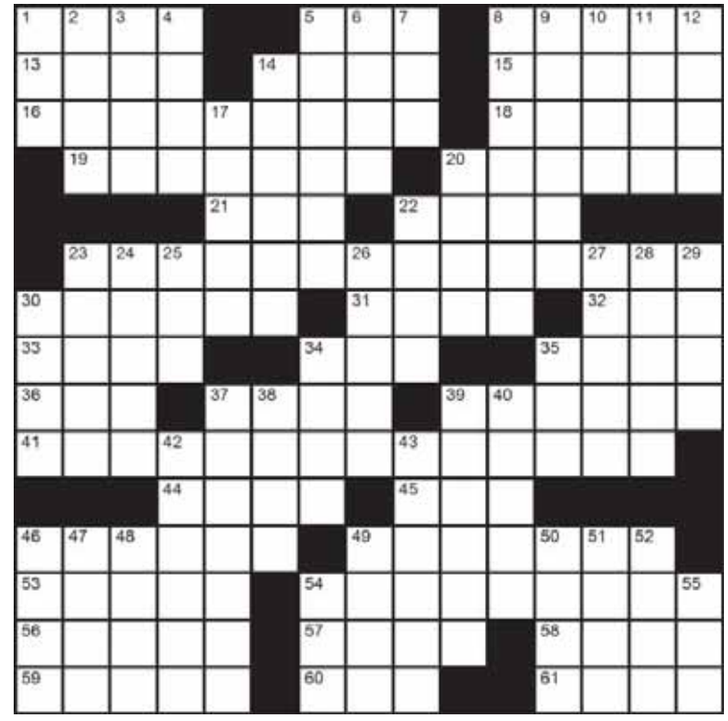
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Shangri-la
5. Camera mugger
8. Canuck chocolate bar, with Coffee
13. "__: Warrior Princess"
14. 2016 Presidential candidate Mr. Paul
15. __! Canada (Celebrity/style magazine)
16. 1966 album by #54-Across: 2 wds.
18. In front
19. Psychotherapist mentioned in Barenaked Ladies song "Brian Wilson": 2 wds.
20. Wave tops
21. Alphabetic trio
22. Capital city of Togo
23. Bit of "Brian Wilson" by the Barenaked Ladies: "__ __ __ / I couldn't see the ground..."
30. Stalwart
31. Crucifix
32. Small, cute-style
33. Allows
34. Ruckus
35. Go through
36. And: German
37. Mayberry kid of '60s TV
39. Soft drink brand
41. Song by #54-Across on their 1967 'Smiley Smile' album: 2 wds.
44. Roger who played Robin Colcord on "Cheers"
45. Ink-on-skin pic
46. __ shop (Place to drive to on a Tuesday night in "Brian Wilson" by the Barenaked Ladies)
49. Sword fighters
53. Set of values
54. Brian Wilson's band, with The: 2 wds.
56. Lizard variety
57. Ploy
58. Digging dog's discovery
59. Backslide
60. Poetic piece
61. Fret

DOWN
1. __. date (Food label info)
2. Feat
3. __'acte (Intermission)
4. FC Edmonton sports org.
5. Pass, as a relay baton: 2 wds.
6. Canadian musician Mr. Kim
7. ER pros
8. TV series about sister witches
9. Fix a shoe in a way
10. Islands: French
11. Crate strip
12. Seal herds
14. Goes over with, as an itinerary: 2 wds.
17. Raced in a regatta
20. __ salmon
22. City in France known for silk
23. Office item, __ pad
24. Surpass
25. "The Wrestler" (2008) star ...his initials-sharers
26. Less wet, variantly
27. Without the extras
28. Light rains
29. Additional
30. Garden denizen
34. "First __!" (Rights-claimer's exclamation)
35. For
37. Supervise
38. __ Piper
39. Position
40. __ and catch
42. Reacts like Pavlov's dog
43. Comfy: 2 wds.
46. Tangible
47. Volcano in Sicily
48. Cut
49. Game show, "Family __"
50. Dwindles
51. Tooth part
52. Since, to Robert Burns
54. Sibling to sis'
55. Stitch

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Better times are on their way and evidence of that will be with you soon. Venus in your fellow Fire sign of Leo will encourage you to see the harmony that exists in all situations, even the ones that provoke confrontation.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may be tempted to work harder than ever but the planets indicate it would be better if you took the opposite approach. Slow down and don't take life so seriously.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you have found it difficult to get your message across of late then it should be easier today and over the weekend. Travel and social activities are also under good stars now, so get out and about and make sure you get seen.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
In recent weeks you had to get serious about your money situation but as Venus moves into the most materialistic area of your chart today you won't have to make quite so many sacrifices.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Put recent failures and disappointments behind you and focus on all the good things yet to come. Forget all that doom and gloom stuff and make things happen. Anything is possible if you want it enough.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try not to worry if your confidence takes a bit of a dive today. Your positive attitude will return over the weekend and you will wonder how you managed to doubt yourself. Friends and family, of course, never did.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Friendships and group activities will go exceedingly well today and over the weekend. Even if you are the kind of Libra who enjoys your own company you'll want to be where the action is. Party time!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The plans you make over the next few days will be important but try not to make them too restrictive. For best results you need to leave yourself some wiggle room so you can make changes as you go along. Be flexible.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are in one of your adventurous moods and if you are not off exploring new places it can only be because you are short of cash. Find ways to limit your spending in some areas so you can do more in others.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It's good news all-round for money matters and business arrangements. The entry of Venus into the wealth area of your chart means you can expect some kind of windfall. A joint project will pay off big time.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There is a lot you can accomplish alone but there is so much more you can accomplish if you join forces with people whose objectives mirror your own. Venus in your opposite sign will encourage you not to be such a lone wolf.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A new project is more likely to be a success if you take your time and plan what needs to be done in advance. You need to take things a step at a time.

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